

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 12 Apr 51	2. LOCATION Tacoma, Wash	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/0340Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2½ - 3 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW to NE to NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Speed was tremendous. Descending, level and straight up.	11. COMMENTS Possible aircraft.	

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR- 85-51	(LEAVE BLANK)
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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object near Tacoma, Washington		
AREA REPORTED ON US (Washington)	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 14 May 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 April 1951	EVALUATION F - 3
PREPARED BY (Officer) <i>J.V. Carels</i> Joseph V. Carels, Major, USAF	SOURCE See below	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Report contains information on the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Point Defiance, Tacoma, Washington, at 1940 PST, 12 April 1951.

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Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D. C.	IR-85-51	

The following report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Point Defiance, Tacoma, Washington, was submitted by McCord Flight Service Center, McCord Air Force Base, Washington:

a. Location, Time and Place of Sighting: Northwest of Point Defiance, Tacoma, Washington, from [REDACTED], Tacoma, Washington at 1940 PST, 12 April 1951.

b. Weather at time of sighting: Ceiling and visibility unlimited.

c. Witnesses:

- (1) M/Sgt [REDACTED], Hq & Hq Sq., 325 AB Gp (Home Address: [REDACTED], Tacoma, Washington)
- (2) S/Sgt [REDACTED], Hq & Hq Sq., 325 AB Gp.
- (3) Cpl [REDACTED] "
- (4) Pfc [REDACTED] "
- (5) Pvt [REDACTED] "
- (6) Pvt [REDACTED] "
- (7) Pfc [REDACTED], Hq & Hq Sq, 325 AMW Wing
- (8) Pvt [REDACTED] 635 ACW Sq
- (9) Civilian [REDACTED], Civilian Instructor at [REDACTED]  
(Mr. [REDACTED] is a teacher at [REDACTED], Tacoma, Washington)

d. Photographs of Object: None

e. Sketches of Object's configuration: None

f. Object Sighted:

- (1) Number: One
- (2) Shape: Unknown
- (3) Size: Unknown
- (4) Color: Unknown
- (5) Speed: Unknown, but tremendous
- (6) Heading: Southwest to northeast, then to northwest
- (7) Maneuverability: Flew from southwest to northeast, descending, then turned left to northwest and flew straight and level for approximately thirty seconds with lights slowly dimming, following which it shot straight upwards and disappeared. The object gave forth periodic bursts of light.
- (8) Altitude: Unknown

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(9) Sound: None

(10) Exhaust Trail: Vapor trail, exhaust or stream of light was cigar shaped, approximately 200' to 300' long and silver in color.

g. General Remarks: Object was in view for approximately two and a half to three minutes. Guests called from inside M/Sgt [REDACTED] house remarked on the duration and appearance of light bursts. Witnesses, while viewing the object attempted to estimate speed and altitude but, in the dark and silence, had no basis for comparison. The witnesses are considered completely reliable and their information is confirmed by other sources.

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